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SUBJECT: PSI: FORMAL FRENCH RESPONSE TO U.S. DEMARCHES ON PSI CASE INVOLVING SUSPICIOUS CARGO BOUND FOR SYRIA; POSSIBILITY THAT GOODS WILL BE
REF: A. PARIS 01311

[1B](#). STATE 34422

[1C](#). STATE 30198

[1D](#). PARIS 1087

[1E](#). ATHENS 517

[1F](#). ATHENS 553

Classified By: EST COUNSELOR ROBERT W. DRY FOR REASONS 1.5 (B), (D), AND (H).

- [11](#). (S) On 04 March 2005, EST officer met with David Bertolotti, MFA Deputy Director of Disarmament and Nuclear Nonproliferation, who provided
- [12](#). (S) In the written response and subsequent verbal briefing from Bertolotti, EST officer learned that as of 02 March, the GOF had agreed
- [13](#). (S) Bertolotti further advised (and as reflected in the French non-paper) that the French have concluded that the shipment cannot be handled
- [14](#). (S) Following examinations of the aluminum laminates by the relevant French laboratories, the French findings were analogous to the general
- [15](#). (S) Bertolotti highlighted the request contained in the non-paper for the U.S. government to provide more concrete information regarding the
- He further remarked that, while not explicitly stated in the non-paper, if in the continued consultations with Greek authorities the French could
- [16](#). (S) At the close of the meeting, Bertolotti told EST officer that he hoped to be able to provide another update during the week of 07 March
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